

GARUDA FURANAM.

viz., Mēgha (January, February) and Phēḡuna (February, March). By living on Havisbya food and observing the vow of Shat-Tilam during the month of Migha, a morning bather is absolved of all sin. The mother, father, brother, friend or preceptor of a bather, by mentioning whose name he might dive into the water, takes one-twelfth part of the merit of the ablution. The \$od Vishnu becomes specially fond of A'malakam (Emblic Myrobalans) under the auspices of the eleventh day of the moon's wane or increase; hence, one, wishing personal beauty, shall bathe with Amalakas on his person. Bereavement, infamy, ilf-health, etc., reside hi the stone of an Amalakam. By anointing one's person a man acquires health, beauty and all things he might set his heart upon. The goddess of fortune remains so long satisfied •with a. vowist, after he has got his hair clipped by a barber, as he does not touch oil.

Having bathed in the manner above described, one shaft propitiate the gods and one's departed manes, as well as per- form the rite of Tarpanam unto the canonised men. Stand- ing in navel-deep water, he shall meditate upon the Selves of his deceased ancestors as seated in the air, and invoke their presence by saying, "come, O my departed msnes, pleased with the libations of water I have just now offered unto you/' By reciting this invocation he shall offer libations of water unto each of them in the southern quarter of the

heaven. Then having put on dry clothes and
seated on
cushions of Kusha blades, the performers of
Tarpanas, duly
conversant with the rules of offering libations of
water unto
the gods and their departed manes, shall offer
them on blades
of Kusha grass, and never in any vessel. *' May
whatever
is impure in this water, may whatever is cruel or
unquiet in
this water, may that all be removed/' By reciting
this Mantra
and taking a libation of water in his left hand,
he shall cast
that- in the south-west quarter of the sky for
the' purpose-